



**Department of Toxic Substances Control
Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting
February 13, 2001**

Minutes

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee (AC) met at the Berkeley Office of DTSC on February 13, 2001.

ATTENDANCE

Public Members:

Barbara Brenner, Breast Cancer Action
Greg Beach, San Bernardino County Fire Dept.; Cal/CUPA Forum
Ann Heil, LA County Sanitation Districts
Stewart Crook, Agilent Technologies, Inc.
Gary Tietavainen, BP
Larry Moore, Larry's Auto Works
Joy Williams, Environmental Health Coalition
Kelly Moran, Sierra Club

Absent:

Brian Cox, Humboldt County Environmental Health
Maggie Robbins, California Federation of Labor

Cal/EPA boards, departments and offices (*ex officio* representatives):

Jim Bennett, State Water Resources Control Board
Lynn Baker, Air Resources Board
Jim Donald, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Nan Gorder, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Bob Borzelleri, Department of Toxic Substances Control
Bob Hoffman and Steven Monk, Cal/EPA Office of the Secretary
Don Van Dyke, California Integrated Waste Management Board

DTSC Staff:

Kim Wilhelm, Alan Ingham, Kathy Barwick, Marcia Murphy, Tim Ogburn, Ann Blake,
David Miller, Tyrone Smith, Maxine Richey, Ray Wong

Visitors:

Ceil Scandone, ABAG
Jennifer Krebs, ABAG
Susan Blachman, Environmental Finance Center, Region IX
Robin Bedell-Waite, Contra Costa Hazardous Materials
Leif Magnuson, USEPA Region IX
Henry Clark, West County Toxics Coalition
Michael Kent, Contra Costa County

David Basinger, USEPA Region IX
Mary Blevins, USEPA Region IX
Rick Brausch, Cal/EPA

INTRODUCTIONS

During Introductions, Stewart Crook stated that he would be leaving the AC due to a change in his job responsibilities. He thanked the AC for the opportunity to have worked with everyone and applauded the excellent work accomplished thus far. (Note: Stewart subsequently rescinded his resignation).

KEY OUTCOMES

The following key outcomes for the meeting were identified during the agenda review:

- Receive update on the Petroleum Refineries Project
- Receive update on the Vehicle Service and Repair Work Plan
- Discuss options for Pollutants of Concern and possible recommendations
- Discuss options for Cal/EPA P2 program elements and possible recommendations
- Discuss options and work toward establishing a new hazardous waste source reduction goal for 2000-2005
- Agree on a proposed schedule for development of the 2002 Work Plan
- Receive updates from Local Government and Multi-Topic Subcommittees

Petroleum Refineries Project DTSC's Alan Ingham presented the Petroleum Refineries Project status report including distribution of the two draft pilot refineries profiles. Alan also distributed the final list of the 17 refineries for which profiles will be prepared under the project.

The profiles for all 17 refineries will form a base for comparison. The profiles will not be a comprehensive record of all information about refineries. However, the goal is for the data to promote questions that will prompt dialog relating to source reduction possibilities.

The process of preparing 2 pilot profiles to test the process proved effective in choosing comparable parameters for the final project. For example, since "production quantities" are not publicly available, "production capacity" will instead be used for comparison.

The refineries verified the information gathered from regulatory information and compiled in the pilot profiles. Alan reported that during the verification meeting, Mr. Tom Reyes at TOSCO Refinery stated he was not only impressed by the data collected, but that the profile likely will be useful to facility management as well as to the public.

The AC was very impressed at the volume of data collected and presented to them. Comments on additional information that needed to be incorporated in the final profiles came from AC members Ann Heil, Kelly Moran and Joy Williams. In addition, Henry Clark of the West County Toxics Coalition offered input as well. Their comments reflected that air and water toxics data also needed to be incorporated into the profile.

Action Item: Alan pledged to go back and identify the publicly available data in these two categories, and then follow up regarding how the data would be incorporated into the profiles. (Note: this action item was completed on March 29, 2001).

Pollutants of Concern Subcommittee Report As the order of the agenda was rearranged, the next item presented was the Pollutants of Concern Subcommittee Report. Ann Heil presented the report.

The subcommittee looked at pollutants that are problems and brainstormed solutions. Out of this process, the subcommittee developed a paper on the subject with recommendations:

1. Establish an Agency (Cal/EPA) level pollution prevention program.
2. As a contingency plan, look at what can be done within DTSC's regulatory framework for a more multi-media focus.

The subcommittee requested approval from the full AC to finalize the document. After discussion, a motion was made asking DTSC include the "pollutants of concern principle" in future program planning. The motion passed unanimously.

P2 at Agency Subcommittee Report

Kelly Moran led the discussion on the final recommendations of the P2 at Agency Subcommittee. After the discussion, suggestions regarding wording on the paper were made. The suggestions were as follows:

1. Add "and BDOs" strategic plans on page 1, #1., second bullet, first item.
2. Insert the phrase, "to the maximum extent allowable under enabling legislation" on page 2, #3., second bullet.
3. Replace "coordinates" with "integrates" on page 3, #4., 4th bullet.

The committee voted to accept and finalize the amended draft paper. Kelly Moran led a discussion on what the AC should do with the final paper. The options discussed included:

1. Package with a cover letter signed by the public members of the AC to Winston Hickox and the Toxic Committee chairs in the State Senate and Assembly.
2. Send individual letters of support by AC members to the individuals listed in #1.
3. Request to meet with individuals listed in #1.

Observer Input Members of the audience were given the opportunity to provide input to the AC. Comments included:

- Progress on the refinery profiles is comprehensive.
- Include information on discharges to water, specifically, dioxin
- Communities are concerned about fire and fugitive emissions from refineries.
- Will communities be included in the P2 demonstration projects?
- AC doing great work. Think about energy conservation along with P2.
- Include a map of the state with the locations of the refineries in the final version of the Petroleum Refineries Project
- USEPA has grant money available—up to \$200,000 in matching funds for P2 projects.
- CAPs supports P2 at Cal/EPA, but there aren't programs at the other BDO's. DTSC cannot integrate and coordinate with other BDO's when there are no staff allocated for

- P2. CAPs will not support taking positions from DTSC to put in other BDO's.
- What will the standards/criteria be to prioritize pollutants of concern?

Vehicle Services and Repair Project Tyrone Smith and Tim Ogburn presented the update on the Vehicle Services and Repair Project. Since October 2000, 9 training sessions for local agencies have been completed. 9 more sessions with places of business are scheduled in the near future. To date, the following have been trained:

- 22 CUPAs
- 179 local agencies
- 145 businesses
- 200 auto repair shop representatives that attended the NAPA Auto Parts conference

Follow up surveys have shown:

- 80% responded to the surveys
- 64% rated the training 4 or better on a scale of 5 (highest) to 1 (lowest)
- 98% rated the training 3 or better

Is the training an appropriate motivator?

- 2 local committees have formed

Future presentations:

- Humboldt and Contra Costa counties have scheduled training sessions for local businesses
- Los Angeles Fire Department's April Conference will include a training session. 500-1000 auto repair facilities are expected to attend.

Special Projects

- Working with California Department of Health Services to get out information about the risks in using products containing nHexane, including peripheral neuropathy.
- Napa Auto Parts:
 - * Tim is negotiating with NAPA Auto Parts to develop an addendum to their parts catalogue to include P2 supplies and equipment. NAPA has tentatively agreed to offer 10% discounts to auto repair shops that have received DTSC P2 training.
 - * NAPA is also reviewing its product line to identify and remove products that contain n-Hexane.
- Ford:
 - * Training is scheduled for Downey Ford on April 18.
 - * Ford is in the process of identifying a second dealership in Northern California to participate in its Corporate Statement in support of P2 VSR.
 - * Ford's public relations is developing a communications plan in support of this joint program.
- CSAA:
 - * AAA of Northern California is reviewing our P2 training program for possible inclusion in its "Approved Auto Repair" facility approval criteria. CSAA legal is reviewing the concept and approval is expected.
 - * Ed Lowry will be making a presentation to Car Care Plus in Sacramento on 2/14/01. The presentation to CSAA's new auto repair facility in Sacramento recognizes CSAA's industry leadership and commitment to the P2 VSR program. The facility will be a model for CSAA affiliated auto repair

shops.

- Vendor Directory:
 - * The Vendor Directory format has been completed. The database is being populated with vendor information. The first draft of the Directory is expected to be completed by the June AC meeting.

New Source Reduction Goal As a follow up to a discussion at the last AC meeting, Kim Wilhelm asked the committee to support setting the current source reduction goal at 5%. Currently, DTSC is overdue in setting a new goal. Kim reminded the AC that the legislative requirement for the goal precedes SB 1916, so it is important to look at the intent for the goal, in order to make a meaningful recommendation to the legislature. In light of this, and after a brief discussion, the AC agreed that DTSC should once again set the goal for California industries.

Schedule for 2002 2-year Work Plan

Kathy Barwick presented a proposed schedule through early 2002. Highlights include:

- Subcommittee completes work by 6/01
- Staff completes data analysis by 6/01
- DTSC, with input from AC, makes new 2-year work plan targeting decisions by 8/01
- AC discusses draft 2-year work plan in 11/01
- DTSC makes draft 2-year work plan available to public by 1/02 (statutory deadline)
- DTSC completes final 2-year work plan by 4/02 (statutory deadline)

Subcommittee Reports

Chairs for the Multi-topics Subcommittee and the Local Government Subcommittee provided brief updates.

Next Meeting

The next P2 Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2001 at the new Cal/EPA Headquarters, 1001-I Street, Sacramento.